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Assistant Professor • Political Science & Public Administration

POSITIONS

Auburn University at Montgomery <i>Assistant Professor, Political Science & Public Administration</i>	August 2019–present Montgomery, Alabama
Center for Risk & Crisis Management <i>Graduate Research Assistant</i>	May 2014–June 2019 Norman, Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science</i>	January 2018–May 2019 Norman, Oklahoma
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education <i>Research Assistant</i>	January–August 2014 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science <i>University of Oklahoma</i>	2019 Norman, Oklahoma
Master in Public Administration <i>University of Oklahoma</i>	2016 Norman, Oklahoma
B.A. in Political Science <i>University of Oklahoma</i>	2014 Norman, Oklahoma

PUBLICATIONS

Tracey Bark, Elizabeth Bell, and Ani Ter-Mrktchyan. 2024. "Regulation Timing in the States: The Role of Divided Government and Legislative Recess." *Regulation & Governance*. [Link to Article](#).

Samuel Workman, Scott E. Robinson, and Tracey Bark. 2024. "Organization, Information Processing, and Policy Change in U.S. Federal Bureaucracies." *Policy & Politics*. 52 (2): 278-297. [Link to Article](#).

Tracey Bark. 2022. "Show Me the Numbers: Bureaucratic Use of Data in the Policy Making Process." *Administration & Society* 54 (9): 1795-1826. [Link to Article](#).

Samuel Workman, Deven Carlson, Tracey Bark, and Elizabeth Bell. 2022. "Measuring Interest Group Agendas in Regulatory Proposals: A Method and the Case of US Education Policy." *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 11: 26-45. [Link to Article](#).

Tracey Bark. 2021. "Information Provision as Agenda Setting: A Study of Bureaucracy's Role in Higher Education Policy." *Regulation & Governance* 15 (2): 408-427. [Link to Article](#).

Tracey Bark and Elizabeth Bell. 2019. "Issue Prioritization by Bureaucratic Leaders: The Influence of Institutional Structure." *Administration & Society* 51 (6): 915-950. [Link to Article](#).

Tracey Bark and Alisa Hicklin Fryar. 2018. "Politics and Presidents: The Relationship between SHEEOs and Campus Leaders" in *The State Higher Education Executive Officer and the Public Good*, eds. David Tandberg, Brian Sponsler, Randy Hanna, and Jason Guilbeau. New York: Teachers College Press (Columbia University), 193-215.

Samuel Workman, JoBeth Shafran, and Tracey Bark. 2017. "Problem Definition and Information Provision by Federal Bureaucrats." *Cognitive Systems Research* 43 (June): 140-152. [Link to Article](#).

Open Source Textbook (Non-Refereed)

Wesley Wehde, Tracey Bark, Hank Jenkins-Smith, Joseph Ripberger, Gary Copeland, Matthew Nowlin, Tyler Hughes, Aaron Fister, and Josie Davis. 2020. *Quantitative Research Methods for Political Science, Public Policy and Public Administration for Undergraduates: 1st Edition with Applications in Excel*. Johnson City, TN: East Tennessee State University. [Link to Textbook](#).

WORKING PAPERS

Tracey Bark and Robert A. Crawford. "Talking at Parties: Bureaucratic Language in Response to Party Control Changes." *Article Under Review*.

Tracey Bark. "Does Culture Matter? Informal Constraints on Bureaucratic Rulemaking in the American States."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Auburn University at Montgomery

Undergraduate

Introduction to American Politics (*In Person, Online, and Half-Term Formats*)

Nonprofit Administration (*Online*)

Politics of Education (*Online*)

Research Design

Statistics for Social Science

Graduate

Administration of Nonprofit Organizations (*Online*)

Bureaucratic Politics

Grants and Contracts (*In Person and Hybrid Formats*)

Intergovernmental Relations

Introduction to Public Administration (*In Person and Half-Term Hybrid Formats*)

Research Design

Statistics and Data Analysis

University of Oklahoma

Undergraduate

Introduction to Political Analysis

American Federal Government (*Lab Instructor*)

Graduate

Agenda Setting (*Guest Lecturer*)

Higher Education Policy (*Guest Lecturer*)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Centennial Scholars Research Program Grant (with Nicholas O. Howard) 2024

Professional Growth Committee, Concordia College

Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Grant 2023

Experiential Education and Engagement Center, Auburn University at Montgomery

Faculty Research Grant-in-Aid 2022–2025

Research Council/Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Auburn University at Montgomery

APSA Travel Grant 2022

American Political Science Association

Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship <i>Provost's Office, University of Oklahoma</i>	2018–2019
H.V. Thornton Memorial Award <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i>	2018–2019
Overall Outstanding Graduate Student Award <i>University of Oklahoma</i>	2018
Richard C. Kearney Endowed Fellowship <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i>	2017–2019
John Halvor Leek Memorial Scholarship <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i>	2018–2019
Student Travel Assistance Grant <i>College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma</i>	2017 & 2018
David R. Morgan Award <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i>	2017
Joyce and Edmond Peters Scholarship <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i>	2016–2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Tracey Bark. “Legislative Plagiarism: The Impact of Bureaucratic Information Provision.” *Presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 4-7.

Tracey Bark and Robert A. Crawford. “Talking at Parties: Bureaucratic Language in Response to Party Control Changes.” *Presented at the 2023 Annual Meetings of:*
Southern Political Science Association. Tampa, FL. January 11-14.
Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 13-16.

Tracey Bark, Ani Ter-Mkrtchyan, and Elizabeth Bell. “Picking up the Slack: Bureaucratic Rulemaking in Times of Legislative Inaction.” *Presented at the 2022 Annual Meetings of:*
Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 7-10.
State Politics and Policy Conference. Tallahassee, FL. April 21-23.
American Political Science Association. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. September 15-18. (Accepted, but not presented)

Tracey Bark. “Does Culture Matter? Informal Constraints on Bureaucratic Rulemaking in the American States.” *Presented at the 2021 Annual Meetings of:*
Southern Political Science Association. Virtual Conference. January 6-9.
Midwest Political Science Association. Virtual Conference. April 14-18.

Tracey Bark. “Show Me the Numbers: Bureaucratic Use of Data in the Policy Making Process.” *Accepted for presentation at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Conference Cancelled.

Samuel Workman, Deven Carlson, Tracey Bark, and Elizabeth Bell. “Measuring Attention Shifts and Regulatory Agenda Change in U.S. Education Policy.” *Presented at the 2019 Annual Meetings of:*
American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. August 29-September 1.
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Denver, CO. November 7-9.

Tracey Bark. “Structure Matters: Conditions of Bureaucratic Influence on State Legislation.” *Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 4-7.

Tracey Bark. “Information Provision as Agenda Setting: A Study of Bureaucratic Influence in Higher Education Policy.” *Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 5-8.

Samuel Workman, Scott E. Robinson, and Tracey Bark. "Attention, Institutional Friction, and Policy Change in U.S. Federal Bureaucracies." *Presented at the 2017 Annual Meetings of: Midwest Political Science Association.* Chicago, IL. April 6-9.
Southwestern Social Science Association. Austin, TX. April 13-16.
Comparative Agendas Project. Edinburgh, Scotland. June 15-17.
American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. August 31-September 3.

Tracey Bark and Elizabeth Bell. "Issue Prioritization in Institutional Agenda Spaces." *Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.* Chicago, IL. April 6-9.

Tracey Bark. "The Influence of State Politics on Higher Education Governance Structures." *Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.* Philadelphia, PA. September 1-4.

Tracey Bark. "The Politics of Higher Education Governance: How State Political Context Influences the Creation of Governance Structures." *Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.* Chicago, IL. April 7-10.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Public Administration	Public Policy	Statistics
Bureaucracy	American Politics	Research Design
State and Local Politics	Education Policy	Nonprofits

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ADDITIONAL TRAINING

CRCV Summer Seminar <i>AUM Civil Rights and Civic Virtues Society</i>	June 24-28, 2024
Women's Research Mentoring Workshop <i>American Political Science Association</i>	June 8-9, 2023
Online Teaching Certification <i>AUM Faculty Development Institute</i>	Fall 2019, Summer 2021, Spring 2024
APSA Dissertation Workshop <i>State Politics and Policy</i>	August 29, 2018
Inter-university Consortium of Political Science Research Short Course <i>Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data</i>	July 16-20, 2018

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

Stacy Ryan	In Progress
Malerie Goodman	In Progress, ABD
Deepika Chandel	In Progress, ABD
Shaniqua Williams	Completed July 2023
Jonathan Farley	Completed April 2023

SERVICE

Discipline	
Award Committee Member, Christopher Z. Mooney Best Dissertation Prize	2023
Organizing Committee Member, Policy Studies Workshop	2022-2023
Roundtable Participant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting	2021, 2024
Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting	2019, 2021, 2024

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting 2018, 2019, 2021
 Reviewer For: *Public Administration*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Higher Education Quarterly*

Department & University

Auburn University at Montgomery

Member, Faculty Senate Calendar Committee 2024–present
 Member, AUM Civil Rights and Civic Virtue Society 2024–present
 Event Moderator, “70 Years After Brown v. Board of Education Decision” February 2024
 Member, Faculty Senate Administrator Evaluation Committee 2023–present
 Member, AU/AUM PhD Admissions Committee 2023–present
 Guest Presenter, CLASS New Faculty Orientation Fall 2022
 Member, CLASS Statistics Course Development Committee Spring 2022
 Member, AUM MPS Admissions Committee 2022–present
 Member, CLASS Peer Review of Teaching Committee 2021–2022
 Member, AUM MPA Admissions Committee 2021–present
 Member, AU/AUM PhD Comprehensive Exam Grading Committee 2020–2023
 Panelist, Scientific Inquiry in the Social Sciences November 2020
 Member, Departmental Search Committee 2019–2020, 2023–2024
 Panelist, Impeachment Discussion Forum October 2019

University of Oklahoma

OU Graduate College Student Ambassador 2016–2019
 President, Graduate Association of Political Science 2017–2019
 Facilitator, OU Political Science Graduate Student Orientation 2017 & 2018
 Vice President, Graduate Association of Political Science 2015–2016
 Member, University Libraries Student Advisory Council 2015–2016

Community

President of Board of Directors, Gift of Adoption Fund–Alabama Chapter 2022–present
 Member, Montgomery Women for Good 2022–present
 Board of Directors, Gift of Adoption Fund–Alabama Chapter 2021–present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Sections: Public Administration, State Politics and Policy, Public Policy, Education Politics and Policy

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association